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EXPANSION OF CROPS COVERAGE UNDER NAIS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.1693 dated July 19, 2004 and State:

(a) whether the Government has received recommendations from the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Economic and Statistical Adviser (ESA) to suggest methodology for crop yield estimation for coverage of perennial horticultural crops under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The main recommendations of the Committee are given in annexure.

(c): Based on the recommendations of the Committee it was decided to extend insurance coverage to selected perennial crops on experimental/pilot basis. Following States/Crops were identified for pilot implementation:-

S.No.	State	Crops
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Mango
2.	Himachal Pradesh	Apple
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Mango
4.	Maharashtra	Orange
5.	Meghalaya	Pineapple
6.	Tamil Nadu	Banana

The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) which is the implementing agency of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) carried out the pilot implementation in Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra in Rabi 2002-03. However, this Pilot Project could not do well.

ANNEXURE

Recommendations of the Committee to examine and suggest suitable methodology for Crops Yield Estimation of the Perennial Horticultural Crops for the coverage under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)

(i) In horticulture crops, although variability is more but risk is low. Insurance of horticulture crops may therefore be initiated on Pilot basis in some districts of some States and in consultation with concerned States.

(ii) As district level estimates in case of selected fruits and vegetables are available in the States where pilot schemes namely, crop

estimation survey on fruits and vegetables is being implemented, small area approach may be adopted for covering selected horticulture crops under NAIS.

(iii) The small area approach may be tried on pilot basis in one district of each of the participating State to understand the intricacies of the existing system of States and test the methodology.

(iv) The Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) may finalize the instructions for field staff and also for tabulation and estimation.

(v) The survey exercise may be carried out by an independent agency. However, National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) may be entrusted the job of training, supervision, tabulation, compilation and analysis.